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Annotated provisional agenda and workplan

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Annotations

Item 1
Organizational matters

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda and workplan for its second regular session of 2015, agree on the agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2016 and discuss the draft annual workplan for 2016. The Executive Board may also approve the report on its annual session of 2015, held from 30 June to 2 July 2015.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda and workplan (UNW/2015/L.4)

Report on the annual session of 2015 (UNW/2015/7)

Proposed provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2016

Draft annual workplan for 2016

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Executive Board will consider the integrated budget estimates for the biennium 2016-2017. The budget is the financial plan that allows the organization to have the financial and institutional capacity to achieve the results of its strategic plan, 2014-2017, and covers all cost categories and funding sources, both regular and other resources, within a single, consolidated proposal.

The integrated budget for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is grounded in results-based management principles and aligned with the integrated results framework of its strategic plan, 2014-2017. In order to deliver on the integrated results framework, UN-Women will continue to engage Member States and other partners, in particular to increase regular resources, the bedrock of its activities, as underscored in the quadrennial comprehensive policy review.

Documentation

Integrated budget estimates for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium 2016-2017 (UNW/2015/9)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (UNW/2015/8)

Management response to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Item 3
Evaluation

The Executive Board will be presented with two reports on the findings of two evaluations and related recommendations and the subsequent management responses, as well as a review that does not require a management response.

The first report contains a meta-analysis of evaluations conducted in 2014. It is the second synthesis of UN-Women evaluations, which in 2015 focuses on learning. The analysis considers the evaluation insights on programming and organizational performance based on the selected United Nations Evaluation Group evaluation criteria of (a) relevance, (b) effectiveness, (c) efficiency, and (d) sustainability.

The second report contains the independent assessment conducted by the Inspection and Evaluation Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to determine as systematically and objectively as possible the relevance of UN-Women and its effectiveness in achieving its mandate through normative support work and the linkage of such work to operational activities. The findings and recommendations will be used to enhance the work of UN-Women in those areas. In an effort to avoid duplication of efforts, the independent Evaluation Office of UN-Women presents the report in lieu of its own planned evaluation.

The third report contains a review undertaken by UN-Women in consultation with the United Nations Evaluation Group and EvalPartners. The review focuses on existing evaluations of corporate gender equality policies in the United Nations system and data captured through validated learning on gender mainstreaming undertaken prior to the implementation of the System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. The insights are expected to be used by United Nations entities to enhance gender equality policies, improve performance against the framework of the System-wide Action Plan and improve corporate gender equality evaluation practices.

Documentation

Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2014

Assessment by the Inspection and Evaluation Division of the Office Internal Oversight Services to determine the effectiveness of UN-Women in achieving its mandate through normative support work and the linkages of such work to operational activities

Review of corporate gender equality evaluations in the UN-system

Item 4
Structured dialogue on financing

The strategic brief on resource mobilization, prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2014/6, is part of a structured dialogue on financing the UN-Women strategic plan, 2014-2017, to be held in the context of the consideration by the General Assembly of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, pursuant to resolution 67/226.

The brief highlights the resources necessary for the full implementation of the strategic plan and to achieve transformational results for women and girls worldwide. It outlines some of the risks of not achieving adequate funding, as well as steps that UN-Women has taken to reach this critical mass by mobilizing regular and other resources. Key strategies detailed in the brief include increasing and sustaining core contributions from current government donors, emerging donors and the private sector and strengthening and diversifying current sources of non-core resources

based on UN-Women flagship programming initiatives and dedicated funding mechanisms.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the brief on resource mobilization as an element of the Entity's ongoing structured dialogue on the financing of its strategic plan, and encourage a continued dialogue with Member States on the predictability, flexibility and alignment of resources provided for the implementation of the strategic plan, including on funding gaps.

Documentation

Strategic brief on resource mobilization (UNW/2015/10)

Item 5
Audit matters

The Executive Board will consider a briefing regarding the financial report and audited financial statements, and report of the Board of Auditors, for the year ended 31 December 2014 (A/70/5/Add.12).

Documentation

Briefing regarding the report of the Board of Auditors for 2014

Item 6
Field visit

The Executive Board will consider the report of the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Jordan, which took place from 24 April to 2 May 2015.

Documentation

Report of the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Jordan

Item 7
Other matters

The Executive Board will discuss and take action on any other issue that may arise.

No advance documentation is expected.

Tentative workplan

Day	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 15 September	9-9:15 a.m.		Informal briefing on the global leaders' commitment forum on gender equality and women's empowerment
	10-11 a.m.		Opening of the session • Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director
		1	Organizational matters • Adoption of the annotated provisional agenda and workplan of the second regular session of 2015 • Adoption of the report on the annual session of 2015
	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	2	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters • Integrated budget estimates for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium 2016-2017 (UNW/2015/9) • Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (UNW/2015/8)
	12-1 p.m.		Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level in Nepal
	1:30 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
	3-4:30 p.m.	3	Evaluation • Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2014 • Related management response • Evaluation of the Entity's normative support work and its linkages to operational activities • Related management response • Review of corporate gender equality evaluations in the United Nations system
	4:30-6 p.m.	4	Structured dialogue on financing • Strategic brief on resource mobilization
	6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 16 September	10-11 a.m.	5	Audit matters • Management response to the report of the Board of Auditors for 2014
	11 a.m.-12 p.m.		Briefing on the UN-Women youth strategy

Day	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
	12-12:15 p.m.	6	Field visit • Report of the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Jordan, which took place from 24 April to 2 May 2015
	12:15-12:20 p.m.	7	Other matters *Adoption of draft decisions*
	12:20-1 p.m.	1	Organizational matters • Adoption of the provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2016 • Discussion of the draft annual workplan for 2016 Closing of the session • Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director